

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Carbon Monoxide Alarms

DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 1999

LOCATION OF MEETING: D.C. Area Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Elizabeth W. Leland, EC

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ATTENDEES:
CPSC
Elizabeth Leland, EC

Non-CPSC

Joe Zelinka, Council of Governments
Emergency Medical Services Representatives from Montgomery County,
Maryland; Prince George's County, Maryland; Arlington County, Virginia;
Prince William County, Virginia; and Washington, DC

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Ms. Leland attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) subcommittee of the Washington, D.C. area Council of Governments (COG) and was allowed time on the agenda to present information about the CPSC staff's work on guidelines for first responders. Ms. Leland provided a brief summary of the history of the CPSC staff's work on developing first responder guidelines. She indicated that a draft version of the guidelines had been circulated among various interested parties for their information, that comments had been received, and that staff was interested in determining the extent to which the EMS profession would be interested in having such guidelines. Ms. Leland also noted that if the Commission issues guidelines they would not constitute mandatory activity, but rather would be able to be used by local jurisdictions in whole or in part as they so chose.

The EMS representatives provided some information about their experience in responding to CO incidents, including the amount of time they generally can spend on answering CO calls, their concern that any guidelines that are developed be consistent with already-established procedures, and the concerns expressed by residents about CO incidents. They expressed interest in reviewing draft versions of the guidelines and in participating in any meetings that might be held to review and discuss the guidelines. They also suggested that CPSC staff talk with the Fire Services subcommittee of the Council of Governments in order to determine that group's level of interest.

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